

Mission Statement

The Federation of Foster Families of Nova Scotia is a collective voice for all foster parents in Nova Scotia. In pursuit of this mission, the Federation will ensure assistance and support for foster families and Foster Family Associations.

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COMPETENCY PAYMENTS ELIGIBILITY

Introductory Level of Care (A) - \$3.00 per day requirements are:

- (1) completion of Foster Family Orientation Program or PRIDE Pre-Service Program or Grandfathered in July 1, 1998;
- (2) completion of Nonviolent Crisis Intervention 'Basic' Program;
- (3) yearly Nonviolent Crisis Intervention 'Refresher' Program, if applicable;
- (4) completion of Sensitivity Training for Foster Families Program;
- (4) 2 years fostering experience and
- (5) approval from your Home Agency.

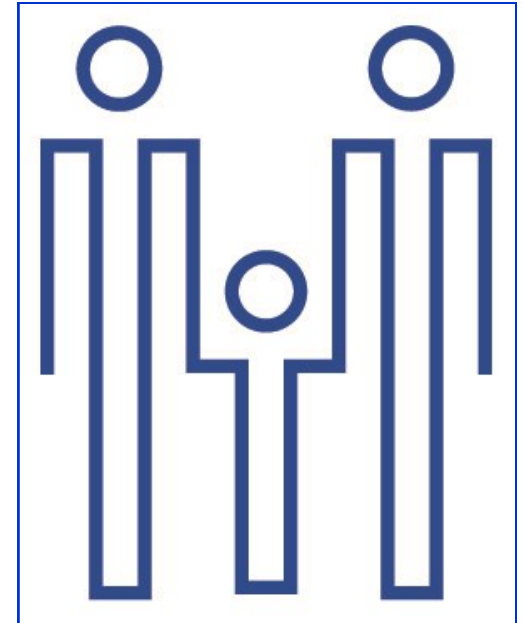
Introductory Level of Care (B) - \$5.00 per day requirements are:

- (1) Introductory Level of Care (A);
- (2) completion of yearly Nonviolent Crisis Intervention 'Refresher' Program;
- (3) completion of PRIDE Module 1 and PRIDE Module 2 and
- (4) approval from your Home Agency.

Advanced Level of Care - \$10.00 per day requirements are:

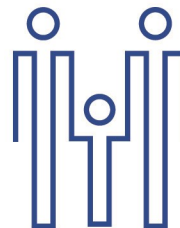
- (1) Introductory Level of Care (B);
- (2) five years experience and
- (3) approval from your Home Agency.

Foster Parent Basic Core Training



An information bulletin for Foster Parents
and Adoptive Parents produced by:

**The Federation of Foster Families
of Nova Scotia**



Basic Mandatory Core Training is the fundamental component necessary to meet the requirements for the **INTRODUCTORY LEVEL OF CARE** and consists of:

1. PRIDE Foster/Adopt Pre-Service Program
 2. Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training
 3. Sensitivity Training Program for Foster Families
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How Does This Affect Foster/Adoptive Parents?

Participation is mandatory for all Foster Parents approved as General, Contract or Specialized Families. Two-parent families require both parents' attendance at training.

Participation in the PRIDE Foster/Adopt Pre-Service Program is mandatory for all prospective Foster & prospective Adoptive Parents.

Kinship Foster Parents and Adoptive Parents are invited to attend the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training Program and the Sensitivity Training Program if they chose to do so.

The [PRIDE Foster/Adopt Pre-Service Program](#) is essential to the pre-assessment process and shall be provided for all potential Foster Parent & Adoptive Parent applicants.

Foster Parents must attend [Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training](#) within one year of receiving their first placement. Yearly re-certification is required.

Foster Parents must attend the [Sensitivity Training Program](#) within two years of receiving their first placement.

The PRIDE Foster/Adopt Pre-Service Program

The PRIDE Foster/Adopt Pre-Service Program is a training program for prospective Foster Parents and prospective Adoptive Parents.

Program participants are introduced to the knowledge, resources, and support systems that will help them provide a safe and nurturing home environment to the children and youth who have come into their care. The goals of the PRIDE Foster/Adopt Pre-Service Program are:

1. to introduce the “basics” of fostering & adopting; that is,
 - a) how children come into care
 - b) your role as a foster/adoptive parent
 - c) reasons why children behave as they do
 - d) the child's needs while they are in your care
2. to help you decide if your family is ready to foster or adopt
3. to begin the process of working as a team member.

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training

Nonviolent Crisis Intervention was introduced to Foster Parents in Nova Scotia in 1994 through the joint efforts of the Department of Community Services and the Federation of Foster Families of Nova Scotia. In 2011, the Federation received approval from the Crisis Prevention Institute to train and certify adoptive parents in the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training Program.

The program teaches practical skills and techniques to:

1. recognize the stages of crisis development and choose the appropriate responses,
2. effectively intervene verbally, and
3. provide the best *care, welfare, safety and security* for everyone involved in the crisis.

The Sensitivity Training Program

The Sensitivity Training Program, launched in 1997, was developed by Foster Parents, Social Workers, Adult Educators and representatives of various community groups and organizations. It is designed to encourage Foster Parents to study and discuss:

- the importance of promoting self-esteem and individuality,
- the harmful effects of prejudice of any form,
- the need to appreciate differences in children and youth who may be of a different race, religion or language group, and
- the need to respect and value all children regardless of their culture, sexual orientation or ability level.

This two day participatory workshop, which consists of guest presenters, video presentations, and small group discussion, is facilitated by foster parent trainers and community trainers.

If you would like more information...

Please contact the Federation at:
1-888-845-1555 or 902-424-5665 within the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Or email Michele.Roberts@novascotia.ca regarding your participation in the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training Program or the Sensitivity Training Program for Foster Families.

Call toll free 1-888-845-1555!

